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To the Citizens of Tucson & Vicinity:

Gentlemen: On the 26th day of [illegible] [illegible] met in mass [illegible] in [illegible] and did then [illegible] for the purpose of adopting a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] own [illegible] and to give security to the citizens in the enjoyment of life liberty and property.

The Code of Laws presented to the meeting by the Committee appointed for that purpose, were unanimously adopted by the people. By the laws adopted, it was incumbent upon the people to elect a Judge of the Criminal Court, to try all persons [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] upon complaint of any citizen, under oath — [illegible] [illegible] the same time [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] to sustain the officer and see that the [illegible] [illegible] faithfully executed and enforced. What [illegible] was the sequel thereto? With the exception of a few cases of stealing, (and the accused were Mexicans) where public whipping was inflicted [illegible] [illegible] complaint [illegible] [illegible] made for the arrest and punishment of persons who do not hesitate, [illegible] [illegible], either [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to steal and [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] at each other in the streets and [illegible], endangering the lives of our citizens in and around our vicinity. But yesterday a man was shot dead in the street, in open daylight, in the presence of a number of citizens, and not a word is said about arresting the person who committed the deed; or seeing the laws enforced. If the time has arrived when the law-abiding portion of the community, either through fear of giving offense or for want of moral courage, fail to make the necessary complaint for the arrest and trial of those who commit a breach of the peace, I think they have no use for Judge or Court; and as Judge of the Criminal Court of Tucson, I resign the same.

Tucson November the 1st 1860. M. Aldrich